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BACK TO SCHOOL AND STARTING STRONG

By **ERIC BROWN**
Managing Editor

Welcome new and old: The Back to School Edition

Welcome Coyotes! Whether you're a freshman, super senior or somewhere in between, the Fall 2010 quarter is starting strong at CSUSB.

The Chronicle is your source for campus news, events and sports; as well as a diverse world and cultural coverage. Thus, we are proud to bring you this special edition which should help outline what you can expect from us throughout the quarter.

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Our office is in the basement of University Hall, room UH-037, straight ahead when you exit the elevators.

Good luck this quarter Coyotes, and remember to check out the Chronicle to stay up on what's what around campus and the world.

Though the heat may still be lingering, summer for both students and faculty has officially ended. If you are reading this, it means school is in session, and with it, a new year's worth of budget woes, accolades and graduation concerns to consider.

Coming off one of the most turbulent financial years in CSUSB's history, the furloughs that plagued/aided the CSU last year have ended, albeit without future funding or reform, but the campus closure days and vacant hallways could reappear.

CSUSB weathered the financial burden of last year with surprising little loss of momentum, despite the frustrating cut in class sections, but the outlook on this year seems to at least be stable, if not improving, due in part to the governor's restoration of upwards of \$300 million to the CSU system for the 2010-2011 school year back in May. Despite this, we have seen a rise in tuition fees, voted on by the Board of Trustees back in June, but at least classes seem to be more readily available this fall.

For now, a balance has seemingly been struck between rising tuition and the absence of furloughs. This academic year should see more students reaching their goals and less people breaking open piggy banks.

President Dr. Albert K. Karnig's annual Convocation address, given September 20, to staff and faculty outlined his plans for the university for the coming year. You can visit coyotechronicle.com for a recap of the address.

Still growing, CSUSB has been able to garner some national recognition as a leading establishment in higher education.

U.S. News & World Report has ranked CSUSB as

number 22 on its list of Top Regional Public Universities in the West in its 2011 America's Best Colleges guidebook, published last month.

Additionally, the Princeton Review honored CSUSB as one of its "Best in the West" universities, and was featured on the Forbes list of "America's Best Colleges."

Aside from what CSUSB has accomplished in the past year, the following are some important and interesting dates to keep in mind as school begins:

First, the final day to add open classes without permission is Sept. 29 via Mycoyote while the Census Day (last day to drop/add with permission) is Oct. 13.

Second, a good place to visit for both new and old students is the Resource Round-Up being held in the Santos Manuel Student Union on Oct. 20, where campus entities will be providing information on resources available to the students. Carl's Junior lunch will be provided for those who participate.

Third, for those looking to graduate in the Spring (June 2010), grad checks are to be filed by Nov. 1, further information can be acquired at the office of Records, Registrations, and Evaluations.

Fourth, something interesting that most students might not know about is the Holiday Dinner held each year in the Commons, scheduled for Nov. 17. The Student Union Program Board will be providing dinner for the first 200 students that show up. Interested students must bring in a can of food to gain admission.

Lastly, we have Final Exams week which will begin on Dec. 7 and end on Dec. 11.

With the past behind us, CSUSB and the Chronicle look to what this new quarter will bring as we deal with the budget crunch, increasing enrollment and upholding our academic standards.

No more big bucks lost buying books

By **MARYRONE SHELL**
News Editor

Coyotes howled over the exorbitant costs of textbooks, and CSUSB listened.

CSU campuses continue to be among the most cost-effective options in California for those seeking higher education, and in spite of recent fee increases, they are taking added measures to alleviate some of the practical and financial woes of students by making textbooks more accessible and affordable.

"Affordability and access go hand in hand," said Steve Dixon, president of the California State Student Association (CSSA) earlier this year at the joint legislative hearing on the Master Plan for Higher Education. He continued, "You can't have one without the other."

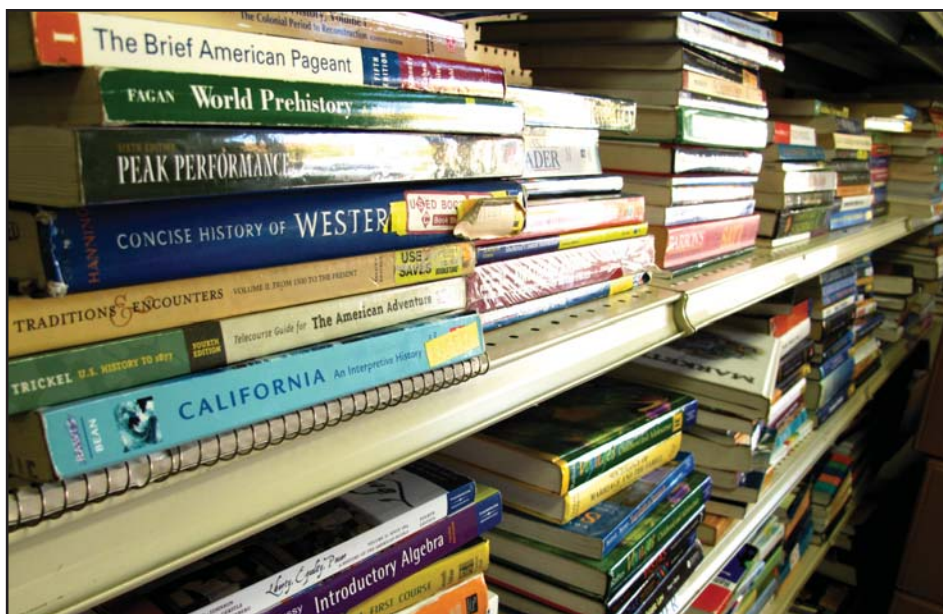
The Textbook Transparency Act that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger approved in 2007 became effective in January of this year.

The assembly bill, also known as AB 1548, forces publishers to disclose the wholesale prices and list revisions made to textbook editions upon request to professors who are otherwise unaware of them. Knowing how much books cost can aid the decision making process for professors who are mindful of their students who may be financially strapped.

CSUSB is one of five campuses currently participating in a digital licensing pilot program in which students can buy electronic versions of their textbooks for a fraction of the price. For students who are hoping to save money and a few trees along the way, downloading their texts may be a viable option.

"Students can highlight, write and bookmark pages and do all the normal things they would with books," said Sharon Alexander, the textbook manager at Coyote Bookstore.

For students who want a more hands-on experience when it comes to their books, renting textbooks at the campus bookstore is now a reality for certain classes at a relatively nominal price. Starting this summer, students were able to rent select books at 45 percent of the cover price. Writing in the margins and highlighting are permissible under the contract. Water damage and other severe destruction, however, are not.



Richard Bowie | Chronicle Photo

Buying pricey hard copies of textbooks may be a thing of the past. The CSU is working to making books more affordable.

"[Online] pre-registration is recommended," said Chelsi Chastain, a student employee at the bookstore. She also cautions against those who wish to use texts for more than one quarter since they can only be rented on a quarterly basis.

An added perk includes being sent complimentary email reminders to renters as their due date approaches to avoid any processing and late fees. Books rented out this fall quarter will be due during finals week, on Dec. 11.

Renters also avoid the plight of being turned away if their book is discontinued.

"Even with buy backs, most people are paid 50% at most and that's if they're in pristine condition," Chastain adds, making the rent-a-text program all the more beneficial.

Alexander again commented on the win-win scenario for both students and the bookstore when she said, "Sales have boosted and we're getting back students who were all over the place looking for books."

Whether students choose to buy, rent or download their books electronically, two advantages of using the campus bookstore are they can eliminate the shipping time and expenses otherwise required to receive their textbooks through various other websites.

The advent of renting and e-books, or using the convenience of the Coyote Bookstore should aid CSUSB students in not having to burn a hole in their savings to buy textbooks.



Navigating CSUSB

A quick guide on where to find helpful resources around campus, accompanied by our article on Pg. 3 entitled *What's at your college?* by our Features editor and campus guru, Diana Cansino

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Keep college in check

Words of wisdom from our Opinions editor and resident college expert, Kati Smith



Since this is the Back to School edition, it would only be logical to give you my official Back to School Exhortation. This is my fifth year of college, so being the expert that I am, I’ve got some wisdom to impart upon you. Or at least I think I do.

Before I bestow said wisdom upon you, allow me to welcome all of you new freshmen to the beautiful, lush, booming metropolis known as San Bernardino. Alright, maybe it’s not exactly lush, but at least it boasts one of the finest establishments in all of California— Cal State San Bernardino.

Don’t buy in to the lie that this is just a Cal State like the big-time UC guys want you to believe. Trust me, I went the expensive private school route for my first two years, and I’ve enjoyed my education at Cal

State much more for a fraction of the cost.

If you run this race and finish with a Bachelor’s Degree (no matter which college it’s from) you will be in the top 25 percent of most educated people in the United States, according to the 2008 US Census Bureau data. That’s something to hang your hat on.

Okay, moving right along. Whether you’ve been in college for three hours, three years, or three decades, there are a few things the contribute to success across the board. I’m going to break down a couple of those things as part of this Back to School Exhortation. I want to help you get in the mindset to start this year off right and make it successful.

First things first, this is the big leagues, guys. You’re paying thousands of dollars to get a degree, so take it seriously. The first way you can do that is by taking the time to learn and apply good study skills. In a 2002 article titled “Contributions of Study Skills to Academic Competence” in the School Psychology Review, researchers noted that students “experience difficulty in school not because they lack ability, but because they lack good study skills.”

So, how exactly do we develop intentional study skills? Well, CSUSB provides a variety of resources. One particularly helpful resource can be found by visiting the Learning Center’s Web page, easily ac-

cessible from www.csusb.edu. There you will find documents with tips and tricks for things like concentration, essay writing, exam strategies, listening, and good study habits. Take advantage of these and other resources provided by the University for free. It’s about the only thing free around here, so you might as well.

Furthermore, the same research article also noted that studying is highly individualized; meaning what works for you might not work for others. Personally, I memorize things by writing them down over and over. To some of you, that might seem tedious and entirely unnecessary, but I’m going to do it anyways because it works for me. So, find your own studying style.

One of the best pieces of advice I’ve received in my college career was from a professor during my freshman year. He urged his students to find a spot they loved and to always study in that same spot.

For him it was a corner table at a bookstore, for me it has always been Starbucks. It’s like driving stick shift, after a while your hands and feet just naturally know when to let off the clutch and shift gears. Whenever I step foot in a Starbucks, especially the one by my house, it’s as if my mind just knows it’s time to study. I encourage you to find that spot for yourself.

Lastly, it’s imperative that you steer clear from the myth that college is all about the “experience.” Somehow we’ve gotten it in our minds that college is about fraternizing, fun and finding yourself. In the midst of that, we lose sight of the real reason we’re here: Education.

Now, before you get all worked up about that assumption, allow me to just say that I’m not suggesting making friends, having a good time, or doing a little self-discovery is all bad. I think each of those things is a great and essential part of the college experience, but none of them comprise the reason that we devote so much time and money to attending a University.

The bottom line is that attending college makes you privileged.

On average you’ll earn \$20,000 a year more than someone without a Bachelor’s degree, according to the US Census Bureau. Plus, the data also shows having a degree will help you earn a job more easily.

You might not end up working in the same field as you earn a degree in, but in the process you will have, hopefully, learned to better communicate and express yourself, expanded your breadth of knowledge in various subjects, and gained a further understanding of the world around you.

Essentially, you’ll be more educated than when you started. I can guarantee that you won’t get that education by just going to parties and rarely showing up for class.

So, welcome back to school. This year I exhort you to spend a little more energy studying, perhaps making setting a goal to get a better GPA or committing to showing up to class ready to learn.

I exhort you to keep in mind that this education isn’t free, and that you’re paying by the minute to be here. I exhort you to enjoy each quarter at Cal State and really make the most of your year. I don’t think you’ll regret it.

What’s at your college?

----- A guide on where to go and what to do while on campus -----

By **DIANA CANSINO**
Features Editor

Starting school at a new campus can be like traveling to a foreign country, it’s a culture shock in some ways. Things are confusing, and intimidating. When I started CSUSB four quarters ago my B.F.F. was the campus map. Use the map on page two and this short guide to help you find where you need to go:

- Coyote Book Store. You can find your class books here, along with some other necessities for school such as Scantrons, writing and drawing supplies. You can even purchase food, hot coffee, clothing and apparel, gifts, dorm supplies and the latest Apple products from our very own Apple Store right inside.
- John M. Pfau Library. The five story building smack dab in the middle of campus. Check out books and videos with your Coyote I.D. card. You can put money on your card here, allowing you to print out document, make copies, take advantage of study rooms, and computer labs. And you can of course, read archived issues of the Chronicle.
- Health Center and Counseling Center. Part of your tuition allows you to use the services provided by the Student Health Center and the Psychological Counseling Center. Services include health screenings and information, basic first aid, clinical services (including vaccinations, birth control/contraception, and physicals) and individual, group, couple and family/marriage counseling sessions, all of which already covered by your fees. Although construction on the health care facilities is still underway they are open and fully functioning
- University Hall. Here you can find out about financial aid, pay your fees and send transcripts. The Bur-sar’s office, Admissions and Student Recruitment,

Records and Registrations, Commuter Services, Career Development Center and Academic Advising are all found within this building.

- Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Keep up on your physical fitness by lifting weights, walking/running on the treadmill or if you’re up to a challenge, you can rock climb. You can even support CSUSB’s efforts to go green, since some of the equipment uses the energy output from your exercise to powering up the school.
- Student Union. If you’re looking to join a club or organization you can get information at the Santos Manuel Student Union. You can find the four resource centers (Osher Adult-Reentry, LGBT Pride, Cross Cultural and Women’s) here. Be sure to take advantage of their free Scantrons, snacks and computer labs, all of which are already paid for by your student fees. The SMSU can also satisfy your Starbucks and hunger cravings. If you’re 21 or older you can also enjoy a drink and a sports game at The Pub, located on the second floor.
- Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum. Get in touch with your artistic side and explore the various art forms in the different exhibitions at CSUSB’s very own AAM accredited art museum. The RVF Museum is home to what’s considered the largest collection of Ancient Egyptian art this side of the Mississippi.
- Police Station. Located on the upper left side of the campus. If you have questions or concerns, or just would like an escort to your car you can request their assistance.

Of course there are more places around campus, such as the Performing Arts Building or the President’s office tucked away in the Administration building, but this is just a heads up to what expect. Good luck!

First year, and a fresh perspective

By **CHELSI CHASTAIN**
Coyote Contributor

Going into college, everything I knew changed. Life went from everything being predetermined to selecting your own classes, planning your own schedule and deciding where to live. While at the end of the day finding a way to pay for it all.

This has all opened my eyes to a slice of the real world that I had never seen before. With all these choices came responsibility and freedom. Responsibility came when I had to decide to take loans to pay for my tuition and find a job. Freedom came in the form of beach trips and late night slushie runs, without anyone asking where I had been.

College to me represents a place where you define yourself as a person, you can make or break your life, your dreams.

My first year is going to be one filled with passion and an optimistic attitude. I’m determined to get involved and make this the best yet.

College presents you with tons of opportunities and it’s up to you if you want to take advantage of them, or if you just want to skate by. You have to seize the moment and make everlasting memories.

College is the first step into real life and I’m taking this step at full speed. I want to solidify who I am and what I want in life, I want my beliefs to be backed up with actions and give my words meaning.

There will be smiles and laughs and tears, probably all in the same day, maybe even the same hour, but hopefully we will be able to take each and every experience good or bad and help apply it to ourselves to help shape someone we are proud of.

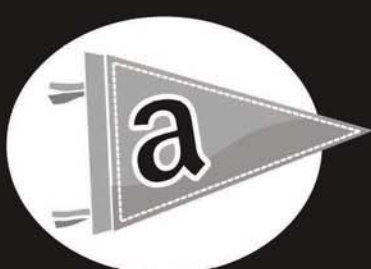
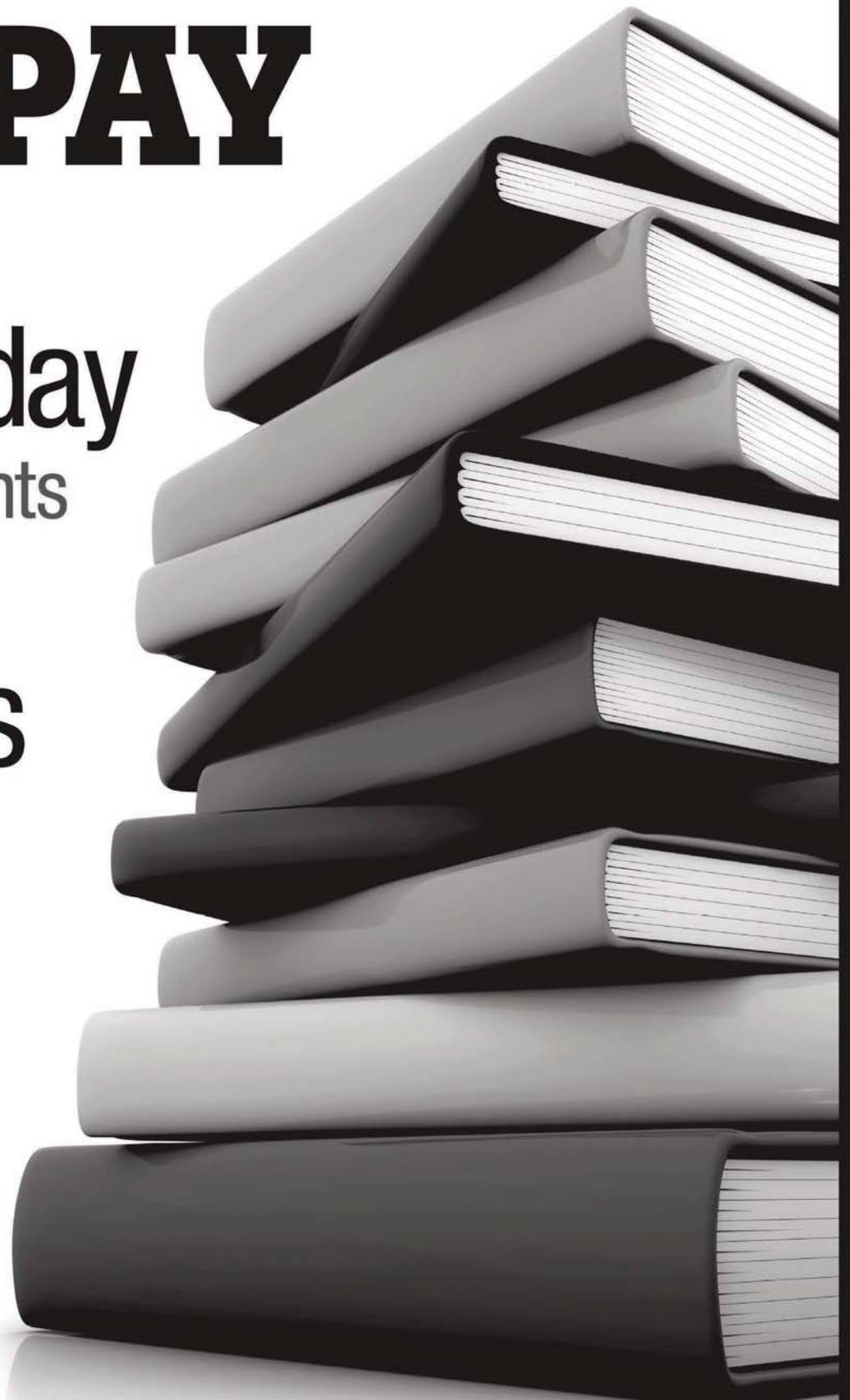
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Year closes with high box office expectations

By **RICHARD BOWIE**
Executive Editor



Courtesy of Warner Brothers

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (HP7) to be released November 11.

Quite possibly the most anticipated movie of the season, the first of the two-part conclusion to the film franchise is sure to please and tease movie-watchers. Following the plot of J.K. Rowling’s seventh and final book of the same name the movie adaptation follows the first part of the book with Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and friends having to deal with a world in which “he who must not be named” has returned. Both the wizard and muggle worlds are darker as the beginning of the final book and film begin at arguably one of the lowest parts of the series, with our hero’s hopes and strength being questioned. The full extent of growth in both the characters and actors in HP7 will most probably be one of the most intriguing parts of the film as we see how far Harry has come, only to wait for the conclusion to the magical mystery that is Harry Potter comes to an end with the second portion, and final film to be released in July of 2011.



Courtesy of Roadside Attractions

I Love You, Phillip Morris, to be released December 3.

After his seemingly happy life turned upside down by a violent car crash, small-town, family man Steven Russell (Jim Carrey) decides to live his life to fullest and embrace who he really is... a gay man. He leaves his family and moves to Miami, finds a boyfriend and lives in extravagance. When he realizes he can’t afford his new lifestyle, he becomes a con man, faking injuries and suing companies, to cover the bills. But his bad deeds catch up with him and he’s sent to prison. In the midst of yet another rock bottom, Steven’s life is changed for good when he finds true love in his cell mate, Phillip Morris (Ewan McGregor). Renewed with a fresh sense of purpose, Steven’s goal is to escape prison with Phillip and do whatever he has to live the rest of their lives together.



Courtesy of MTV Films

Jackass 3D, to be released on October 15.

Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Steve-O, Chris Pontius and the rest of the gang are back to celebrate the franchise’s 10th anniversary, this time in eye-popping 3-D. You can count on their signature outrageous stunts (including one with a “3-D penis-cam”) to keep you laughing until your sides hurt. Another notable difference in this installment is that star Steve-O performs completely sober. “Being clear-headed and sober makes it more painful, more scary,” Steve-O told MTV.com. “I can’t wait. It’s going to be awesome. We made a great movie. Everybody’s gonna love it.”



Courtesy of Fox Searchlight Pictures

Black Swan, to be released December 1.

The film stars Natalie Portman as Nina, a successful New York City ballerina who is top choice for a career-making lead in a production of Swan Lake. The pressure may prove to be more than she can handle though, as the production director soon decides to bring in an alternate, Lilly (Mila Kunis), who threatens not only Nina’s spot in the production, but her sanity. The film is already being critically acclaimed, being chosen to open the 2010 Venice Film and showed at the Toronto International Film Festival.”

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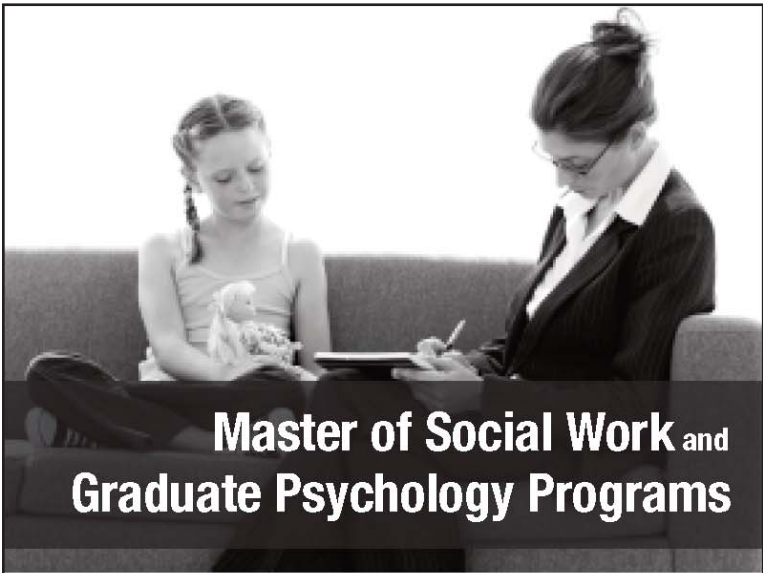
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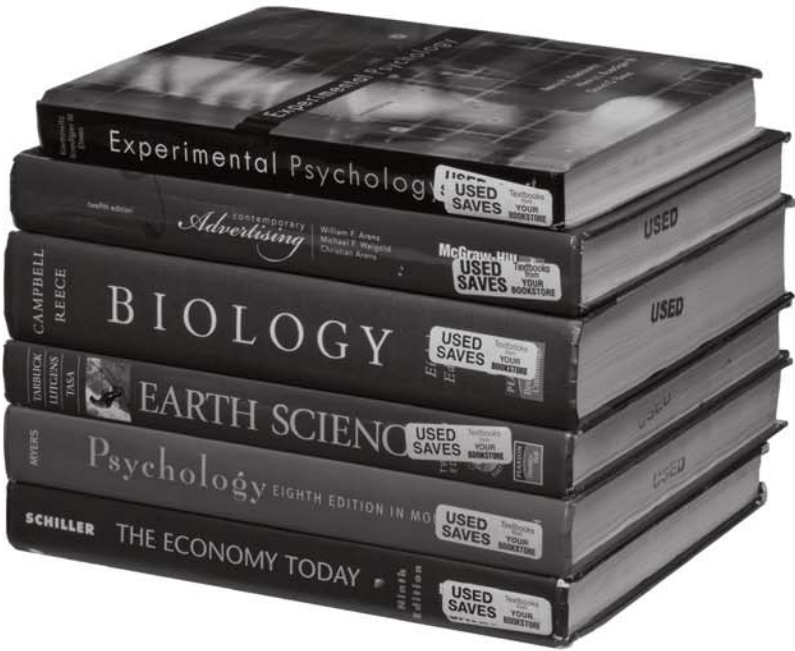


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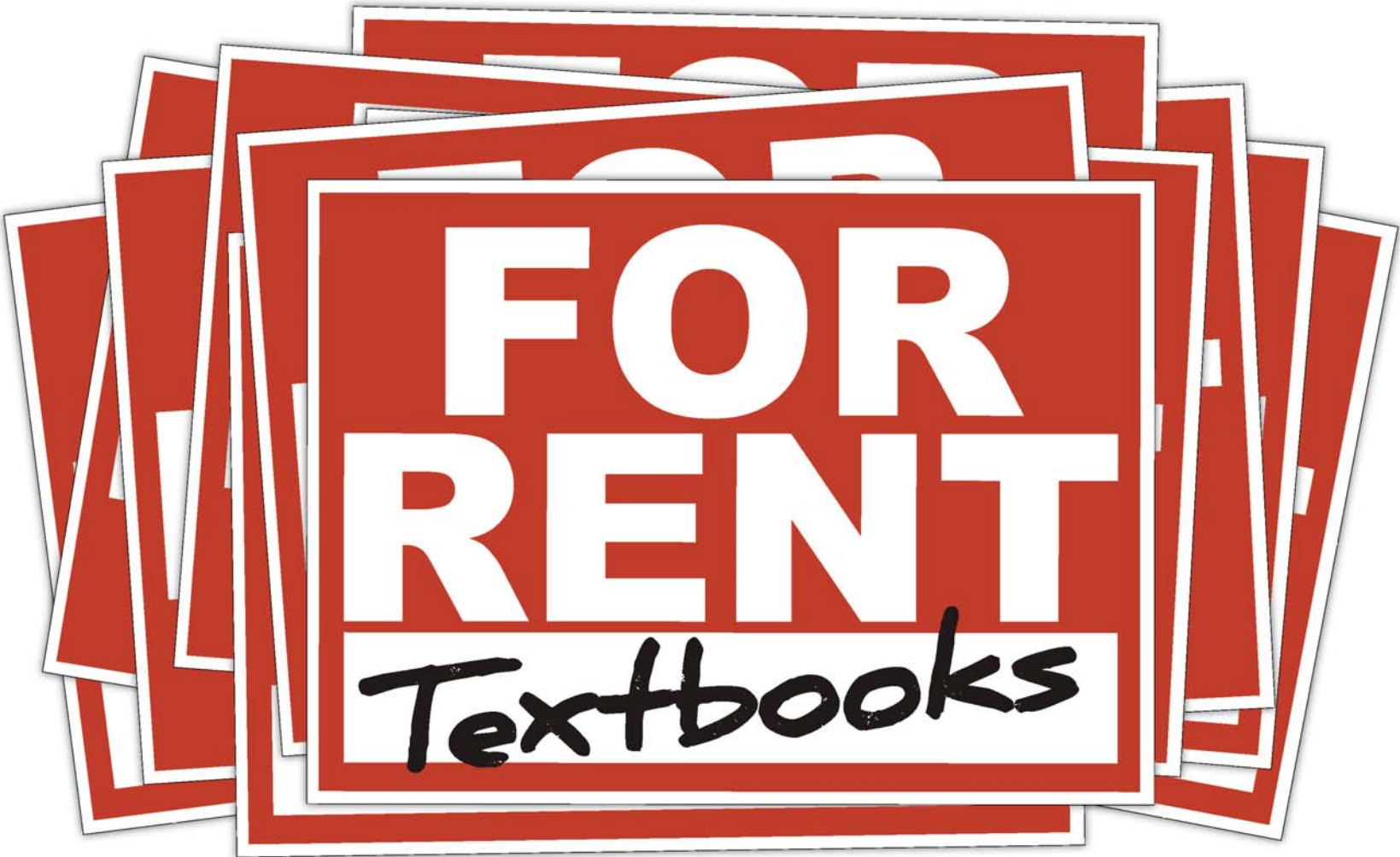
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CSUSB Women's team nationally ranked

National Soccer Coaches Association of America ranks the CSUSB 13th in the nation



Robert Whitehead | Special to the Chronicle
CSUSB junior, Kristina Gomez, scored a game winning goal against Grand Canyon University earlier this month, helping to keep the "Yotes winning streak alive.

By **JESUS ROMERO**
Sports Editor

After the first four games of the season, the CSUSB women's soccer team is ranked No. 13 in the nation.

They are off to a 4-0 start and 2-0 in the CCAA, and are finally getting the recognition they deserve, especially by their peers; as made apparent by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America ranking them 13 overall.

"This team has been on the rise for the past couple of seasons," said Head Coach Travis Clarke. "Last year we flirted with rankings but fell short with a game lost or tied that we should have won."

The Lady 'Yotes aren't looking too much into the ranking because they want to focus on the task at hand.

The biggest and most meaningful quote of the year didn't come from Coach Clarke or one of the seniors, but actually from an NFL Head Coach.

"The target you are putting on our back is nowhere near as big as the one we are putting on yours," said Rex Ryan, New York Jets Head Coach.

Clarke printed out the quote for each player on the team, and even had one pinned in his office. He says it's their new motto for the rest of the year. He mentioned that the coaches will keep reminding their players of the motto at the beginning and end of each practice.

They now have a target on their backs for being ranked so high, the highest since 2001 when they were ranked 12

in the nation. Coach Clarke explains that every team will want to take them down, but the 'Yotes aren't push-overs and are planning to come out fighting.

A goal of the team's is making the regional tournament, and they have a serious chance at succeeding. Clarke mentioned that there have been a few different things this year that has added to the success of the Coyotes.

First is that they are more athletic. They're faster and stronger than previous seasons.

Next is that they have a group that is used to winning. The newcomers come from winning programs and the seniors haven't had a losing season. They have the attitude of winning every game.

"There is an atmosphere of winning around here," Clarke said.

Finally the team has an experienced group of seniors that have played a lot of games together at CSUSB. So the experience and the comfort of playing together is just another addition to their winning recipe.

Team chemistry is huge in sports. From little league all the way up to the pros. More times than not, teams are more successful when they have great chemistry and respect one another. These are teams that win championships.

Coach Clarke took his team to Palm Springs for a weekend after a stretch of some hard practices. They bonded and got to know more about themselves and their teammates.

A closer and confident team came out of the weekend, and the Lady Coyotes are showing they can lead the pack.

Intramurals back and better than ever

Recreational Sports provide one of the best and easiest study breaks to students looking to be more active

By **JESUS ROMERO**
Sports Editor

Get back into the swing of things, literally, with a renewed version of CSUSB Intramural sports. The Recreational Sports Department is offering five different sports throughout the week and even during multiple days for the Fall 2010 quarter.

Volleyball, indoor soccer, basketball, softball and flag football are going to be offered Monday through Saturday for students looking to get their kicks in.

A dodge ball and badminton tournament will also be held during the Fall quarter, to keep things interesting. The idea is to have a variety of sports for you to choose from, to enjoy, make some new friends, compete and have fun.

At the end of each intramurals there will be a champion team. The team will receive champion T-shirts proudly showing their success, aside from the usual bragging rights.

The sports are co-ed, so anyone can sign up to play. The Fall Season begins the week of Oct 4.

Signing up is free and easy. Log on to the www.recsports.csusb.edu and follow the step-by-step procedure, or go into the Recreation Center on campus. All sports are played on campus.

You don't have to be a great athlete to play intramurals, nor do you have to know about the sport. If you're a first timer, they will show you the ropes so you can be on the field in no time.

"It's all about having fun and getting some exercise at the same time," said Sports and Facilities Coordinator, Raul Gonzalez. "We want the students to get involved and also take advantage of what we have to offer."

Aside from intramurals, Recreational Sports offers tons of other services ranging from outdoor activities such as hiking and camping trips to surfing and snowboarding, depending on the season. More information can again be found on their website.

On the horizon, for those less inclined to get outside or who can't find the time, Recreational Sports has also teamed up with ASI and the Student Union to have a Madden 11 Tournament.

So for all those who think they are the greatest couch coach, then come out and take your shot at the tournament held in the Student Union game room on Oct. 15 from noon to 5 p.m.

Lastly, Recreational Sports will be hosting a golf tournament on Oct. 29 at Shandin Hills golf club in San Bernardino, with a golf expo on Oct. 13.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA). The organization works hand in hand with universities to provide scholarships to students.

The winner of the tournament will get a paid trip to continue to the next tournament through NIRSA.

With all that Recreational Sports has to offer this quarter, CSUSB students are poised to be some of the most active students of the collegiate scene.

Whether you're a pro or a newbie, remember to check out Recreational Sports this quarter.

FALL 2010 INTRAMURALS LEAGUE SCHEDULE

<p>MONDAY VOLLEYBALL DIV. I AND II 8-10 PM</p>	<p>TUESDAY VOLLEYBALL DIV. I AND II 8-10 PM</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY INDOOR SOCCER 2-8 PM BASKETBALL 8-10 PM</p>
<p>THURSDAY BASKETBALL 8-10 PM</p>	<p>FRIDAY SOFTBALL 3-4 PM</p>	<p>SATURDAY INDOOR SOCCER 10 AM - 2 PM FLAG FOOTBALL 10 AM - 1PM</p>

FALL TOURNAMENTS:
DODGEBALL, BADMINTON

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